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Speaking Invitation - Colby College

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William M. Baker
Director, Public Affairs

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11 FEB 1988

Dr. William R. Cotter
President
Colby College
Waterville, Maine 04901

Dear Dr. Cotter:

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But I believe that I am not the person to debate the issue of access to recruit. I am no expert on this matter. I, of course, have a viewpoint: I find no justification to discriminate against any government agency that seeks openly to recruit college students to join its ranks. The issue is the propriety of barring access. I believe that should be debated by persons within the academic community.

I wish you every success with your meeting, and I will be most interested in hearing about the outcome of the forum.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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William M. Baker
Director, Public Affairs
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29 January 1988

JUDGE:

Based on our conversation about how to word the letter of regret to Colby College we have reworked the letter incorporating the suggestions from Chancellor Heyman. I believe the attached letter will satisfy your concerns and, at the same time, does not commit you to speaking at Colby at a later date.

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Judge:

RE: Speaking Invitation
Colby College
Waterville, Maine
7 April 1988

We have revised your letter to Dr. William Cotter to explain why you would be unable to attend the 7 April session at his school. I think it conveys the tone you sought. It took longer than usual to reach you because we wanted advice from our Academic Coordinator, who spoke at Colby on 7 December. In addition, we discussed the program with President Cotter later in December to see if it might be possible to revise the suggested program from a debate to a more formal address. The material we sent was prepared over the Christmas holidays and reached you on 4 January. I think the delay, in this case, was unavoidable.

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Office of the President

November 25, 1987

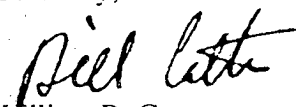
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Dear Judge Webster:

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I have already discussed this with in your Public Affairs Office and would be pleased to provide any additional information which you might need.

Cordially,


William R. Cotter
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Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Cotter".
William R. Cotter
President

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cc: [redacted]